

Permian Historical
Society

The University of Texas
Permian Basin Campus

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The Scroll of Permian Historical Society

Permian Historical Society Plans Fall Meeting At Energy Center 21 October 1995

Appreciation Award To Be Given At Fall Meeting

Permian Historical Society will honor the memory of **J. Conrad Dunagan** (1914-1995) by presenting an appreciation award to his widow, **Kathlyn Dunagan**, at the October meeting. Mr. Dunagan was a charter member of the society and gave his continued support to the organization over a 35-year period.

Among his many society projects was one designed to offer financial aid to promising graduate students in history as they begin thesis work. The fellowship was established in 1983 when D'Aun McGonagill and Susan Williams became the first recipients. Over the past twelve years fifteen students have benefited from the fund. Seven of those students remain in the Permian Basin and work actively in the history community.

The society has issued invitations to all history graduates and faculties of the university and area community colleges to attend the fall meeting in appreciation of Mr. Dunagan's efforts to promote the study of Permian Basin history.

The Annual Index Goes On Sale

The long-awaited index to all volumes of *The Permian Historical Annual* is now at the printer and the first copies will be ready for sale at the fall meeting for \$20 each. The index was a special project of the late J. Conrad Dunagan and the society dedicates the work to his memory. Completion of the project was managed by the index committee.

Mail order copies are available for \$23—mailing costs included—send check or money order to:

**Bobbie Klepper, Permian Archives,
Univ. of Texas - Permian Basin, 4901 East University Blvd.,
Odessa TX 79762 or call 915/552-2381.**

Fr. John-Benedict Weber Is Winner of Best Article Award

Fr. John-Benedict Weber of Titus Drondsma Priory, Mundelein, Illinois, received the Evelyn Scarborough Linebery and J. Conrad Dunagan Best Article Award for "The Carmelite Friars of Stanton, a Legacy on Two Continents," which was presented in Fall 1994 at Historic Fort Stockton. Fr. Weber's scholarly work appears in Volume 34 of *The Permian Historical Annual*. The award carries a cash prize of \$200 and the appreciation of all society members.

Life in Texas

"The windmill supplied all the water for man and beast. Without it, or another of its kind, life could not long be sustained here. Nature had not provided it at the surface, free for the taking; it had to be worked for. That was the reason this part of Texas had been slow in settling up, the last to be claimed other than by the free-sprawling cattlemen such as C. C. Tarpley. The real enemy here had not been Indians or the thin scattering of outlaws; it had been the lack of water. The windmill had done more for settlement than all the cavalry and all the sheriffs since the Civil War."—**Elmer Kelton**, *The Good Old Boys* (Fort Worth: T. C. U. Press, 1985), 36-37.

Fellowship Recipients

1983	D'Aun McGonagill, Susan Williams
1984	J. C. Smith
1985	J. C. Smith
1986	Glenn Justice
1987	Glenn Justice, Cathy Martin, J. Richard Keen
1988	Glenn Justice, Cathy Martin, J. Richard Keen, Martha Kelly
1989	Martha Kelly
1990	None
1991	Louise Whelan, Brian Smith, Scott White
1992	Louise Whelan, Brian Smith, Scott White, Kevin Davis
1993	Kevin Davis, Loraine Grady, Dawn Lucas
1994	Loraine Grady, Dawn Lucas, Christopher Horton
1995	Christopher Horton, Robert Grady

Permian Pioneer Nominations

At the May 1995 meeting the society presented its Permian Pioneer Award to **Dr. P. W. Malone**, longtime Big Spring physician, for his contributions to medicine, education, and religion in the Permian Basin over the last sixty-five years. The society is proud to honor men and women of such achievement and welcomes nominations for the Spring 1996 award. Nominees should have lived in the Permian Basin for fifty or more years and have continuously worked for its religious, educational, cultural, recreational, or economic development.

Nominations should be sent by 1 February 1996 to:

Louise Whelan
1606 Harvard
Midland TX 79701

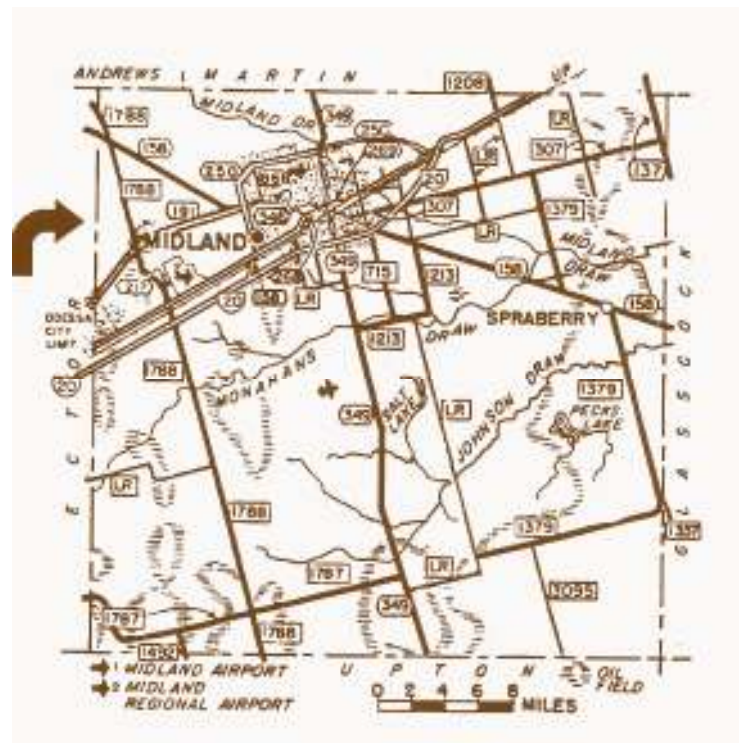
News of Museums

Martin County Historical Museum

Martin County Historical Museum invites all West Texans to its annual fund-raiser on 18 November 1995. The event features a silent auction and a dance with the Mike Payne band at the Martin County Community Center in Stanton. Tickets are \$5 each and include finger food and basket prizes.

Call 915/756-2722 for details.

Energy Center Location



1994-1995 Texas Almanac (Dallas: The Dallas Morning News, 1993), 246.

Permian Historical Society Fall Meeting

Center for Energy and Economic Diversification

Farm Road 1788 and State Highway 191

Northwestern Midland County, Texas

21 October 1995

- 9:30 A.M. Registration, Coffee, Board Meeting
- Presentation of Papers to follow Board Meeting **Loraine Grady**, Program Chairman
- 10:00 A.M. **The Nunn Brothers of West Texas** **Charles Anderson**
The paper recounts the experiences of John Wesley, James Harvey, and Thomas Newton Nunn in the middle and late 1800s. As founders of Snyder, Texas, the Nunnns encountered Indian raids, blizzards, droughts, and court battles over land.
- 10:30 A.M **Legacy of the American Windmill** **Billie Wolfe**
The paper provides a brief history of the origin and development of the windmill, the evolution of West Texas windmills, and preservation of the windmill legacy through the National Windmill Project.
- 11:00 A.M. **Surviving Depression and Drought** **Dawn Lucas-Stapp**
The paper is taken from thesis work of the writer who was a recipient of a PHS scholarship for graduate students. It examines the reactions of Martin County farm women to drought and economic depression in the 1920s and 1930s and describes their crucial roles in the survival of the family farm.
- 11:30 A.M. **Economic Impact of Oil in Ector County** **Diana Davids Olien and Roger M. Olien**
Written by the recognized authorities on Texas petroleum, the paper analyzes the impact of oil on the development of public and private interests in Ector County, Texas.
- 12:00 noon **History of U. T. P. B. Masters Program** **J. C. Tillapaugh**
The paper offers a twenty-year perspective of the masters program at The University of Texas of the Permian Basin, providing the historical accounting of the development, enrollment, support, expansion, and personnel involved in the program.
- 12:30 P.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. Business Meeting and Appreciation Award Presentation **Louise Whelan**, President
- By
- 02:00 P.M. Adjournment



Call For Papers ——— Spring 1996 Meeting

PHS Program Committee is accepting papers for the spring meeting.

Those interested in presenting papers should contact a committee member or the chairman,

Loraine Grady 915/550-2560

Permian Historical Society Fall Meeting: 21 October 1995 at the Energy Center

Local Writers and Booksellers Display at October Meeting

Permian Historical Society President Louise Whelan invites local writers and booksellers to display works of regional interest for sale at the fall meeting. Those interested should contact the president in advance of the meeting to allow for proper planning. Call or write:

**Louise Whelan
1606 Harvard
Midland TX 79701
915/682-0770**

**Julia Cauble Smith, *The Scroll* Editor
Permian Historical Society
University of Texas - Permian Basin
4901 East University Blvd.
Odessa TX 79762**

Reservations For Lunch

Members and guests are asked to make reservations for lunch at the October meeting. The meal is catered again by Murray and the Frenchmen at the cost of \$7.50 per person.

Make reservations by calling

**Eileen Welch
915/682-0839
or
Betty Orbeck
915/683-4403**

